

Our Greatest Hope 2020



I wrote this post years ago, but I believe that it is even more relevant than it was in 2012 because we can change the world for the better and we are all part of the solution.

We stand on a glass cliff, a place where we will see the greatest renaissance we have ever known; or a decline and descent into the abyss of chaos, aggression, and destruction. A place where we will be crippled by the need, greed, and ego that has destroyed every empire and fiefdom in history OR choose to embrace our potential to use what is to create what can be, our potential to work together to build a better future.

It is your ability, my ability, our ability to cleave to the universal values, express the humanity and moral courage that is our hope for the future.

Courage that starts with service above self, with the desire to move from me to WE. Power that grows each time we show

kindness to a stranger, reach out and help a colleague or friend, mentor or share knowledge.

Leadership that grows when we focus not on what we can get, but rather on what we can contribute. Humanity that is expressed in learning to treat our neighbors, our brothers, and sisters as ourselves. Happiness that is found in caring, sharing and contributing.



In a world of increasing complexity, it is the simple things that often elude us. It is time to get simple and clear with the importance of tying a knot around our values, courage, integrity; for they are the greatest riches we have.

Love is the truth, universal values are the motor, and human passion, purpose, and potential are the engine that can drive us to an evolution of self, and of others that will take us into the age of innovation – an age of extraordinary possibilities; or push us into an abyss of fear, despair, destruction, aggression, and chaos.

Our greatest hope lies in a new balance of independence and interdependence, mutual respect and collaboration that will take us forward. A path that is difficult, but worthwhile. A path that requires courage and conviction. A path that is oft forgotten, and begs to be remembered. A path of redemption and renewal. A path of human beings being better not simply doing faster than ever before. A path that can change one life, many lives and ultimately our world. A path where we serve to LEAD from me to WE.

Written for my late father, Joseph Becker, my best friend, mentor and a soul whose light shines on.